



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
505 13th St. S., Hudson, WI 54016
FEBRUARY 2017

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Back 2 years ago, I told you all in one of my first sermons at Mt. Zion that Valentine's Day for me, is really Chocoholic's Day. I have loved chocolate my entire life. It makes every occasion better and lifts the spirit even in the worst times.

Most of you also know I am diabetic. Diabetes and chocolate are never best friends and this year, now that I am diabetic and pregnant, it's just not happening at all. As I face a Valentine's Day without chocolate, I don't know what I'm going to do.

I was complaining to Mitch the other day that Christmas without cookies is bad enough but Valentine's Day without chocolate can't be endured. My dear husband reminded me that Valentine's Day isn't really about chocolate. It's about love. And I am forgoing chocolate because of the love I have for my baby.

The history of Valentine's Day is more than just candy and flowers. The day originates with the story of St. Valentine, a priest who lived nearly 1800 years ago. St. Valentine lived in a time where marriage for young men was outlawed. The thought was young men would be better soldiers if they weren't burdened with families and wives. The young women were married off to older men in polygamous marriages.

Christians, like St. Valentine, were opposed to these polygamous marriages and St. Valentine began to secretly marrying young Christian couples. Eventually he was caught and imprisoned and later put to death. Overtime, he began to be known as a church martyr, who laid down his life out of love of God.

If we look to the history of Valentine's Day, it's a celebration of both the love between humans and the love that we have for God and God has for us. A couple of my favorite Bible verses on love are as follows;
"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you." Isaiah 54:10

And from 1 Corinthians 13; "Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. But these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

I hope you all eat some chocolate for me this February! And for yourself, out of thanksgiving, take some time to say "I love you" to those people in your life you are blessed to have and to say "I love you" to the Lord whose love for you will never end.

Blessings,

Erin Nelson

Pastor Erin

Thank You

Mt. Zion Friends,
Thank you all for
the cards and gifts
you gave me for

Christmas this year. They were all very unexpected
and appreciated!

Thank you also for all your help and support in 2016!
God Bless,
Anna Peterson

To Mt. Zion,

I would like you all to know how grateful for all the
prayers and cards I have received during my knee
Surgery. I am doing well and growing stronger each
day. I could feel you lifting me in prayer!

Thank you and God Bless,
Donna Revoir

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

We wanted to thank you for thinking of Exodus
House and its residents during the Holiday Season.
We had people coming from institutions that weren't
even expecting a gift, and seeing them open the box
and all the ones inside was pretty cool!

Thanks again,
Nikki

Program Supervisor

Signed by 13 of the Residents & Staff

Thank you so much, members of Mt. Zion, for the
thoughtful Christmas presents! We are very excited
for the new addition to our family and the double
stroller will help make our transition easier! Rosie
has already been trying it out!

Thank you also for the gift card for additional baby
stuff! We are just starting to go through Rosie's baby
things to make lists of all the things we need to
replace for the new baby.

We are so thankful to a part of this church
community and so thankful for all the ways you all
make our family feel loved and valued.

Thank you again,
Pastor Erin, Mitch and Rosie



BOARD/CARD GAME NIGHT

Join us for board games and old fashion card games
in the lower level on Feb 12th.

All Ages (1-99 years old) 1-3pm

Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers, and 50+ 3-5pm



OUR NEXT MILESTONES ARE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

4 yr. old Bibles

Lucy Adams, Emily Melzer, Vincent Nitti,
Lillie Prawalsky, Amelia Spence, Andrew Stanek,
Lucy Stanton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6th Grade Prayers

Arabella Campana, Henry Nemitz, Art Okerlund,
Kaitlyn Prawalsky, Lily Romzek, Tara Sanders &
Reece Sundeen
Prayer prep will be Feb. 19 at 9:20a with Parents in
Lower Level

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

3 yr. old Prayer Pillows

Milly Jungbauer, Levi Lockwood, Rosie Nelson,
Sullivan Nelson & Keelan Tepper-Eng

*If we have incorrect information OR your child is
missing from this list and should be included, please
contact the church office at 715-386-5409

OUTREACH



What: 8th Annual Up, Up & Away 5k Run/Walk

Where: Mt Zion Lutheran Church, 505 13th St S, Hudson, WI

When: Saturday, February 4, 2017
9:00 -9:45am

Registration and Packet pick-up 10:00 am

5k Run/Walk Entry Fee:

\$20 Received by January 29, 2017

\$25 After January 29, 2017

Door Prizes: Prizes awarded to participants and refreshments after the race Awards:

Registration: On-line registration at
www.runningroom.com.

Mail completed form and check payable to "Hudson Hot Air Affair" to Katie Jones, 1708 Laurel Ave, Hudson, WI 54016 Questions call 715-386-1729 For information on other Hot Air Affair events go to www.hudsonhotairaffair.com.



One of the privileges of being part of the body of Christ is the opportunity to share in the joy and the sorrow of others. If you have a special prayer request or would like to place someone on the prayer chain, please call the church office at (715) 386-5409 or the Prayer Chain Leader: Joyce Johnson and we will make sure to add that person to our list!

W.E.L.C.A. WELCOMES YOU!

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 7 7:01 pm

Hosted by Katie Jones

JOY CIRCLE

Thursday, February 9

9:15 am at the Church

Hosted by Sandy Gillis

HOPE CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 28

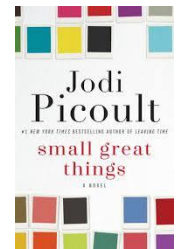
1:30 pm

Hosted Joan Saathoff

UPCOMING BOOKCLUB BOOKS AND INFORMATION

Book Club meets at Hudson Bagel at 6:00p once a month.

We will meet next on Monday, February 13 to discuss "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. This is a fiction book about racism, choice, fear, and hope. The novel is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited from caring for a newborn because the father requested that no African-American nurses tend to his baby. In the fictional version, Ruth, the African-American nurse in question, finds herself on trial for events related to the same request made by a white supremacist father. Using the narratives of Ruth, the baby's father, and the female public defender who takes Ruth's case, Picoult examines multiple facets of racism.



Then on Monday, March 13, we will meet to discuss "Brain on Fire". This book is a memoir by a young New York Post reporter. Cahalan describes how she crossed the line between sanity and insanity after an unknown pathogen invaded her body and caused an autoimmune reaction that jump-started brain inflammation, paranoia, and seizures

WORSHIP & MUSIC



SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY

February 5
8:15a Sr. Choir
10:30a Sr. Choir

February 12
8:15a Jr. Choir
10:30a Sr. Choir

February 19
8:15a Sr. Choir
10:30a Sr. Choir

February 26
8:15a Sr. Choir
10:30a Jr. Choir



Mt. Zion's annual meeting will take place Sunday, February 12 between services in the Fellowship Hall.

Installation of New Council Members
February 19 at the 10:30 worship.
Luncheon & Meeting following worship for all outgoing and incoming council

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS FOR FEBRUARY

We will wrap up our Wednesday Meals on February 1 at 6:00p and take a break until we meet again for Lent Soup and Sandwich dinners!



LENT IS UPON US! ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1.

This Lenten Season, join us on Wednesday evenings at Mt. Zion at 7pm for Holden Evening Service Worship.
A Community Soup & Sandwich will be served at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Wed. March 1 will be hosted by the Sr. Choir.

Wed. March 8 – Tone Chimes – MaryKay Mahler

Wed. March 15 – Sunday School – Need Host

Wed. March 22 – Individual Acct – Katie Jones

Wed. March 29 – FMSC – Anna Peterson

Wed. April 5 – Relay For Life – Need Host

*If you would like to help by donating food the Wednesday Night Meals – Please see what is available on our website –

<http://www.mtzionhudson.com/missions-a-community/volunteer-opportunities.html>

OFFICE HOURS

The Secretary's Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 10a – 3p from now until May 22.

*Subject to change/vacation days

MILESTONES AT MT. ZION



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

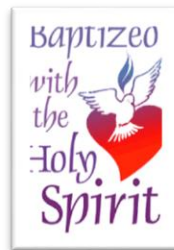
February 3 – Cindy Saathoff
Beverly Schletz
February 5 – Henry Nemitz
Peggy Skinner

February 6 – Jared Arneson
Jackson Lockwood
February 7 – Travis Bungum
Gail Gerdts
February 8 – Sophie Adams
Sandra Berg
Chris Gelina
Todd Page
February 9 – Parker Jahns
Walter Weeks
February 10 – Gloria Pearson
Donna Revoir
February 11 – Peter Skinner
February 12 – Craig Gustafson
February 13 – Les Rayome
February 15 – Martin Halversen
February 19 – Amber Saathoff
February 22 – Scott Nemitz
Grant Stojan
February 23 – Shanda Campana
Paula Saunders
February 24 – Laura Gerdts
Chris Johnson
February 25 – Scott Johnson
Rosemary Nelson
February 26 – Brian Ferguson
Larry Veenendall
February 27 – Nathan Matzek
February 28 – Fran Foslien
Kaitlyn Sanders
February 29 – Noah Flattum



MARRIED IN FEBRUARY

February 12 – Dave & Lisa Anderson
February 14 – Jim & Sonja Johnson
Todd & Kristin Solberg
February 27 – Bill & Anna Peterson
February 28 – Mike & Sarah Schletz



BAPTIZED IN FEBRUARY

February 1 – Sylvia Albers
Bill Runck
February 2 – Kylee Jungbauer
February 4 – Jim Hallen
February 6 – David Miller
February 7 – Lauren Spreemann
February 8 – Ella Adams
February 9 – Mark Saunders
February 13 – Linda Flatt
February 14 – William "Billy" Johnson
February 15 – Alexander Solberg
February 17 – Harley Saathoff
February 18 – Lois Tervo
February 19 – Jacob Walczak
February 23 – Judy Meincke
Greg Veenendall
February 24 – Carolyn Jonason
February 26 – Mark McConville
Evan Page
February 28 – Renee Eickstadt



CELEBRATING MILESTONES!

Life is full of meaningful moments and celebrating milestones helps bring an awareness of God's presence into the home. We celebrated one of these milestones on Sunday, January 15 as 6 of our members prepare for or have received their first driver's license. To help our new drivers remember this, our congregation gave them each a key chain to remind the youth that God does indeed go with them wherever they go. We celebrate with them their status as adult members of our community, marked with the permission of the state to operate a motor vehicle

God Bless each of you on this journey:

Henry Okerlund, Noah Gerdts, William Mahler,
Ellie Johnson & Mason Keyes

Missing from photo: Emily Gerdts

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

MISSION:

To provide a welcoming experience for all who walk through our doors

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:15 – Nicole Gelina

Greeters: The Romzek Family

Ushers: The Solberg Family

Reader: Nicole Gelina

Communion: Renee Eickstadt

Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Fellowship: The Johnson Family

10:30 – Olive Olson

Greeters: Bill & Olive Olson

Ushers: Dana & Tor Okerlund

Reader: Bill Olson

Communion Deacon: Olive Olson

Acolyte: Reece Sundeen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:15 – Jim Eral

Greeters: The Yarrington Family

Ushers: Harley & Jo-an Saathoff

Reader: Mary Ellefson

Communion Deacon: Jim Eral

Acolyte: Ava Anderson

Fellowship: Holly O'Connell

10:30 – Andrea Dreier

Greeters: Sally Nuebel & Deb Sanders

Ushers: Earl Monson & Mic Hanson

Reader: Chris Gustafson

Communion Deacon: Chris Gustafson

Acolyte: Aiden Tepper-Eng

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:15 – Kristen Johnson

Greeters: Don Kriegl & Carol Gustafson

Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson

Reader: Katie Jones

Communion Deacon: Karen Gigure

Acolyte: Avery Anderson

Fellowship: Jim & Linda Letourneau

10:30 – LEAD IS AVAILABLE

Greeters: Lynne Baker & Holly O'Connell

Ushers: Scott & Lynell Nemitz

Reader: Barb Walczak

Communion Deacon: Jon Schneewind

Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15 – Chris Gelina & Jack Johnson

Greeters: Florence Hopp & Fran Foslien

Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau

Reader: Kristen Johnson

Communion Deacon: Floyd Foslien

Acolyte: Nathan Becker

Fellowship: Anna Peterson

10:30 – Andrea Dreier

Greeters: Lori Rayome & Judy O'Connell

Ushers: Tim & Andrea Dreier

Reader: Brooke Dreier

Communion Deacon: Gene Stahnke

Acolyte: Danny Brown

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Aaron Adams – beginning 2/12

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Organist ~ Deb Tonsager

Jr. Choir/Tone Chime Choir ~MaryKay Mahler

Sr. Choir Director ~ Craig Gustafson

Parish Nurse ~ Eileen Wymer

Kid's Club Coordinator – Amanda Stojan

February 5

8:15 am Worship w/ Communion

10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

February 12 –

4 Yr. Old Milestone

8:15 am Worship w/ Communion

9:10 am **ANNUAL MEETING**

10:30 am Worship w/ Communion
Baptism

February 19 –

Installation of New Council

8:15 am Worship w/ Communion

10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

February 26 –

6th Grade Milestone

8:15 am Worship w/ Communion

10:30 am Worship w/ Communion